

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 28, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug DeSanti, Patricia Ellis, Dr. Charles Finch, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Dr. Kay Lewis, Marilyn Price, Jerry Stein, Donald Kenneth Uhles, Bill White, and Dr. Selma Wilf.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. John Gallagher and Bob Lashua.

GUESTS: Janine Anderson, Holly Gibeaut, Diane Irwin, Kevin Keeley, Wanda Larson, Jim Morgan, Brian Smith, Kimi Smith, Roberto Torres, Mark Venuti, Mary White and Larry Zicherman.

BEMS STAFF: Don Decker, Victor Dominguez, Dr. Garth Gemar, Peggy Lahren, Larry Lorenzen, Karen Nelson, and Susan Nicolas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Education Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Dr. Kay Lewis. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill White and seconded by Doug DeSanti to approve the May 18, 2001 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

III. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION

Dr. Garth Gemar announced that Judi Crume, R.N., Ph.D. is the new Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS), and gave a brief background on her.

Dr. Gemar also announced that the 800 Series Rule change that allows for the phase-in for the USDOT Paramedic Curriculum to be in effect, has been filed with the Secretary of State's Office, which means that as of January 2002, the new curriculum can be taught.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Lewis spoke about people who are interested in becoming paramedics and have concerns about the length of the classes they would have to take. A discussion ensued.

V. MEMBERS' REPORTS

None to report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. New EMT-I to Paramedic Curriculum

Dr. Lewis reported that she had discussions with some of the training agencies and it was felt that there does not have to be a separate curriculum. The new Paramedic curriculum is competency based and it is up to the training agency to see the preparation of the students prior to coming to class and to decide any prerequisites, but there should not be a third curriculum. No action by the Committee.

B. Refresher/transition into the New EMT-I Curriculum

Doug DeSanti presented this topic and said that the attachment “AGENDA ITEM VI. B. – EMT-I Transition Course” is for the Committee’s review and possible corrections. The Committee went through the document and made the following corrections:

1. First page, first paragraph, last two sentences change to read: “Trains and educates applicants in knowledge, procedures, medications, and skills specific to Arizona’s system. Prerequisite: Current Arizona EMT-Intermediate certification or an out-of-state applicant with current National Registry status under the USDOT 1999 EMT-I Curriculum.”
2. Second and third pages, need to correct the errors in outline format.
3. Second page, category of IV.A. “Respiratory,” add “LMA” and “Combitube” categories in the following matter:
 1. LMA
 2. Combitube
 3. Endotracheal and nasotracheal intubation
 4. Surgical cricothyrotomy
 5. Needle thoracostomy
4. Last page, category of VI., change category “Techniques of management:” from item “A.” to “C.” and change as follows: “Techniques of management: NALS, PALS or prehospital care of the emergency PEPP.”

Motion by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Doug DeSanti, to accept the EMT-I Transition Course with recommended corrections. Motion carried. To be forwarded to the Rules Committee and EMS Council.

Next, “AGENDA ITEM VII. B. – Revised Advanced Life Support Refresher Course” was brought forward for the Committee’s review. The following corrections were made:

1. Page one, first paragraph, first sentence, add “1999 Curriculum” after “EMT-Intermediate” and add “Medical” after “Emergency.”
2. Page one, first paragraph, last sentence, change to the following: “Prerequisites or Corequisites: Be either an out-of-state Paramedic with current state or National Registry certification, an in-state Paramedic with lapsed certification within the last two years, or an in-state Intermediate with lapsed certification within the last two years; and have current basic life support health care provider validation; advanced cardiac life support validation; emergency cardiac care course completion validation; and pediatric life support validation or pediatric emergency prehospital care.”
3. Pages two, three and four, “Outline” section, redo in proper outline format.

4. Page three, section "V. A. Respiratory," change to say:
 - A. Respiratory
 1. LMA
 2. Combitube
 3. Endotracheal and nasotracheal intubation
 4. Surgical cricothyrotomy
 5. Needle Thoracostomy

Motion by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Doug DeSanti, to accept the Revised Advanced Life Support Refresher Course with modifications from the Committee. Motion carried.

C. Tucson EMT-Basic Refresher Training

Dr. Gemar said that he was contacted by Bert Thomas from the Tucson Fire Department who requested this item be tabled and placed on the next meeting's agenda. This was okay with the Committee.

D. Discussion of RSI/MAI Pilot Program

Janine Anderson asked if "PALS" is a prerequisite for the RSI/MAI Pilot Program Curriculum. Dr. Gemar answered no. Janine then asked Dr. Gemar if he would draft and send out a letter to all medical directors to inform them that "PALS," "PEPP," and "APPLE" are not a requirement of this curriculum. Dr. Gemar stated that he would take care of this. No action by the Committee.

E. Review and Approval of Education Committee's Bylaws

A copy of the Bylaws was distributed to the Committee members. Dr. Lewis requested the members go through the Bylaws for any corrections. None were brought forth. Motion by Bill White with a second by Doug DeSanti to accept the Bylaws as presented. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum for the Use of Nasal Narcan

Dr. Gemar requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

B. NEW EMT-I Curriculum

1. Out of State Applicants

It was noted that this item was already covered earlier in this meeting.

2. Transition Program and Certification Issues

a. Time Frame for Upgrade

Victor Dominguez started the discussion by saying that the State of Arizona has approximately 169 Intermediates left and some of those have an expiration date as late as December 2002. A discussion ensued. It was concluded that we need to let these Intermediates know that they need to start thinking about possibly transitioning into the new EMT-I Curriculum. Dr. Lewis said that the Intermediates have four choices for them to decide on: 1) they have the right to let their certifications expire and not recertify as anything; 2) they have the right to become EMT-Basics; 3) they

have a right to move on and become a transitioned Intermediate; and 4) they have a right to apply to the Paramedic courses. Dr. Lewis requested that Dr. Gemar put out a memo to explain the future of EMT-Is to let them know about the options available to them when their certifications run out. Dr. Gemar said that he could arrange this but would like some input from the Committee as to the contents of this memo. Dr. Lewis asked the Committee members if they would write down any questions that the Intermediates could possibly have as to upgrades and get these questions back to her by October 12th.

b. Choice of Upgrade vs. Downgrade to EMT-B

To be handled by the above-mentioned memo from Dr. Gemar.

c. Refresher Curriculum Content, Written and Skills Validation

To be handled by the above-mentioned memo from Dr. Gemar.

d. Repeal of Current ALS Refresher/Challenge Rule

To be handled by the above-mentioned memo from Dr. Gemar.

C. Statewide Paramedic Treatment Guidelines and/or Guidance Documents (GDs)

Janine Anderson gave a presentation on this item. For information only. No action by the Committee.

D. EMT-P & EMT-I Refresher

This item was already covered earlier in this meeting.

E. Instructional Strategies Course

Victor Dominguez handed out the following three documents:

1. "Instructional Strategies Courses (ISC)"
2. "ISC Development & Delivery Suggestions"
3. "Suggested ISC Course Schedule"

A discussion of these documents ensued. Dr. Crume asked to table this topic until next meeting so the members can go over the three documents. Dr. Crume stated the Bureau would review, revise and report back.

F. Mesa Fire Department's Immunization Pilot Project

Dr. Gemar asked that this topic be tabled until we see what decisions come out of the Office of Administrative Rules' meeting on October 2nd.

G. Announcement of Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2002

Dr. Lewis presented the new 2002 Quarterly Meeting Dates calendar. No action by the Committee.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Janine Anderson distributed the final draft of the “Proposed Curriculum for the Sternal Intraosseous (IO) Infusion of Fluids and Medications.” She asked to have this item added to the next Education Committee meeting agenda. Dr. Lewis said it would be done.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for November 16, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Items that were forwarded to November 16 meeting:

1. Tucson EMT-Basic Refresher Training (Bert Thomas – Tucson Fire Department)
2. Curriculum for the Use of Nasal Narcan (Dr. Gemar)
3. Instructional Strategies Course (Dr. Lewis)
4. Mesa Fire Department’s Immunization Pilot Project (Drs. Gemar & Brophy)
5. Proposed Curriculum for the Sternal Intraosseous (IO) Infusion of Fluids and Medications. (Janine Anderson)

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Approved by Education Committee on 2/22/02